

## Part 3

# RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND LINES

(See sections 102.37 and 196.72, Wis. Stats., and Wis. Adm. Code chapter PSC 104).

## Chapter E 140

### SCOPE AND APPLICATION

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**E 140.01 Scope.** (1) CHAPTERS E 141 TO E 143. The safety rules in chapters E 141, E 142, and E 143 do not apply to new construction not yet energized, but apply to the operation of, or to work on or about, the following:

- (a) Supply lines.
- (b) Communication lines used in connection with supply lines.
- (c) Electrical equipment of central stations, substations, and private plants.
- (d) Electrical tests.
- (e) Electrical work in tunnel, subway, or similar underground structures.

(2) CHAPTERS E 144 AND E 145. The safety rules in these chapters apply to commercial telephone and telegraph, and other communication equipment and lines, with terminology adapted to the special needs of the employees concerned. Communication equipment and lines include fire and police alarm systems, district messenger systems, and other communication systems not operated in connection with supply lines.

**History:** Cr. Register, November, 1961, No. 71, eff. 12-1-61.

**E 140.02 Application.** While all the rules find application in the larger industrial or private plants and in moderate-sized utilities, some do not apply, or apply less fully, in the smaller ones. It has seemed unwise, however, to attempt to restrict the scope of these rules to rules which are applicable to all organizations or to all classes of electrical work.

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**E 140.03 Exposed communication lines.** Communication equipment and lines are not considered alive, except where made alive by leakage from supply equipment or lines. They are, however, a source of danger when near live supply conductors on wood poles, due to their liability of being grounded.

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